



Press Release from the Association of Nepalis in the Americas (ANA)

Dear respected Members of the ANA Nepali media friends,

Season's Greetings,

ANA, the association of Nepalis in the Americas has been the most recognized name amongst thousands of non-profit Nepalis community organization in the USA and Canada. ANA also has been known as the most victimized Nepali community association in the USA, in times. Yet, we all love ANA, for a simple reason that the middle initial 'N' in "ANA" stands for "Nepalis", that we all are so proud of being, no matter who and where we may be.

In a democracy, we agree to disagree. In a lawful nation, everyone has equal right to exercise and protect his/her rights, and seek justice Justice has prevailed, and it is our pleasure to inform to all the supporters of ANA that the lawsuit was resolved on December 8, 2011. This idle litigation caused some financial drain to ANA and all the individuals involved; however, we are confident in the strength and future of ANA and its members.

Now that lawsuit has been resolved in the court of law, we must see and move forward. We must move forward together, in solidarity to build a new ANA guided by past, with vision from present and for the future. We must together, in solidarity build an ANA where each and every Nepali fit-in, equally. Most importantly, we must build an ANA with full financial and legal compliance guided by the non-profit corporation laws.

In the next few days ahead, we shall consult with ANA attorney to discuss all financial and legal compliance issues that needs addressing immediately. Me, and my team of ANA officers intend to bring the ANA to 100% financial and legal compliance, as required under the law. Therefore, in these regards, I seek full cooperation from members, all past ANA officers, past,/currant officers of ANA affiliate organizations, committees, Past ANA convention officers and other past/currant associates.

Once ANA is brought to full financial and legal compliance, we shall conduct election for the next ANA Executive Officers as per ANA bylaws approved and stamped by the authority. We shall periodically post ANA related notices and other information on ANA website after consulting with the ANA attorney.

We are grateful to Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, the honorable ambassador of Nepal to the USA, for his constructive contribution while this case was in the court. The founder and the past officers of ANA deserve an “ANA salute” for giving birth to ANA and keeping it existed. The utmost “ANA salute” must be extended to thousands of Nepalis residing in the USA and Canada for supporting ANA, in good times and bad times. The future ANA salute must be earned by those creative minds that shall carry on the torch of the ANA to next generations to come.

ANA shall appreciate court appointed trustee Mr. Anuj Sud and ANA attorney Mr. Dipo Akin-Deko deserves commendations for their works in guiding this litigation in the best interest of ANA. We thank the friends in Nepali media in their thoughtful co-operation in keeping mute (peaceful) while this case was in court, waiting for the verdict.

Preparation for the 30<sup>th</sup> ANA July 4<sup>th</sup> Convention in the “Lone Star State” of Texas is underway. We are confident that our Nepalis sisters/brothers residing in the “Jumbo State” of Texas shall present a gigantic ANA July 4<sup>th</sup> Convention ever. Me, and my team of ANA officers are looking forward to bond all Nepalis from different backgrounds, under one umbrella of ANA, the association of Nepalis in the Americas.

Thank you,

Tsewang Sherpalama

President

Interim board of executive officers

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